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SUBJECT: VISIT TO BULGARIA

VIENNA FOR DEA WALTZ
PARIS FOR DEA KNIGHT
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REF: A) VIENNA 3936; B) VIENNA 3216

1. PROPOSED VISIT BY WALTZ DURING MONTH OF JUNE RAISES BOTH PRACTICAL AND TACTICAL PROBLEMS. FROM PRACTICAL STANDPOINT, NARCOTICS COORDINATOR JOSEPH E. LEE WILL BE ABSENT FROM SOFIA THROUGHOUT ENTIRE MONTH OF JUNE. IN ADDITION CCINC TRAINING BY US CUSTOMS WILL BE UNDERWAY IN VARNA THROUGHOUT MONTH ALSO, OCCUPYING ATTENTION OF TEODOR TSVETKOV, CHIEF NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION DIVISION, OFFICE OF CUSTOMS, WHO IS VIRTUALLY SOLE BULGARIAN OFFICIAL SPECIFICALLY CONCERNED WITH NARCOTICS CONTROL.

2. TACTICALLY PROBLEM IS THAT NO CONTACT FOR DEA WITHIN GOB EXISTS AND QUESTION IS HOW TO BEST INTRODUCE DEA INTO COUNTRY. EMBASSY HAS FREQUENTLY IN PAST POINTED OUT WARINESS WITH WHICH BULGARIANS REGARD DEA AND NECESSITY OF PROCEEDING CAUTIOUSLY IN ORDER NOT TO ENDANGER EXISTING COOPERATION. THEREFORE EMBASSY NEEDS TO KNOW OBJECTIVE OF DEA VISIT, SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED AND WITH WHOM. UNLESS THE BULGARIANS ARE READY
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AND WILLING TO ACCEPT VISIT IT COULD BE SERIOUSLY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

3. TSVETKOV HAS INDICATED HE PLANS TO ATTEND NARCOTICS

ENFORCEMENT/CONTROL SPECIALISTS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
VIENNA JUNE 26 AND 27 (REF B). EMBASSY RECOMMENDS
WALTZ MEET TSVETKOV THERE AND CAREFULLY TRY TO DEVELOP
WORKING RELATIONSHIP WHICH COULD THEN FACILITATE VISIT
TO BULGARIA AT LATER DATE.
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